

REMARKS

Preliminary to examination, the specification and claims 1, 9-12, 14, and 22-26 are amended, and claims 27 and 28 are added. This leaves claims 1-28 in this application with claims 1, 14, 27 and 28 being independent.

The specification is amended on page 5 to recite generally the claim language of claims 10-12, 23-26, 27 and 28 in the summary of the invention section of the application after the objects. Pages 6-7 are amended to recite that the lens 106 has an outer perimeter or free edge as shown, for example, in Figs. 3 and 4. Pages 6-7 and the Abstract are also amended to reflect all of the figures and recite the diameter of the lens 106 as set forth at col. 6, lines 10-12, of prior U.S. patent 6,197,057, whose contents had been incorporated herein by reference in Paragraph [0002] of the present above-identified application. Finally, pages 9-10 are amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter is believed to have been added.

Claims 1 and 14 are amended to recite the outer portion substantially surrounding the high minus portion and having refractive power as shown in Figs. 14-16 and discussed at pages 8-10 of the specification. Dependent claims 10-12 and 23-25 are amended to recite the specific type of refractive power provided by the outer portions, and independent claims 27 and 28 are added with similar subject matter. No new matter is believed to have been added as noted above.

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Prompt and favorable examination of the application are respectfully requested.

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